

**Presentation by the faculty of the criminology program  
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- I. Introductions (Professors Jim Burfeind, Dan Doyle and Dustin Hollist)
- II. The multi-causal nature of crime
- III. Important demographic factors that influence crime perpetration and victimization:
  - A. age
  - B. gender
  - C. socio-economic status
  - D. race
  - E. characteristics of likely perpetrators and victims
- IV. Other factors that tend to have more local impact:
  - A. booms and busts
  - B. population instability
  - C. tourism
  - D. gang activities
  - E. drugs
  - F. gambling
- V. The relationship between crime rates and correctional populations:
  - A. system capacity
  - B. sentencing practices
    - 1. harsh versus lenient sentences
    - 2. use of alternatives to incarceration
    - 3. "net widening"
    - 4. handling kids as adults
- VI. Questions